

CROSS PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS PARTY GROUP
Cross Party Group on Housing
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
05 October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
04 November 2020
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM (this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM)
01 October 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
01 December 2020
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group, including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/reports published by the Group should also be provided.
<u>Wednesday 19 February 2020, 1:00 – 2:00pm</u>
This was a joint meeting between the CPG on Housing and the CPG on Architecture and the Built Environment and took place at the Scottish Parliament. The meeting was organised by the Housing CPG secretariat and chaired by Andy Wightman, Convenor of the Housing CPG.

The meeting discussion focused on:

Age Scotland Survey Update

Speaker - Caroline Rooks, Age Scotland

Housing to 2040 – subgroup report update and discussion

Speaker - Tony Cain, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO)

The meeting was attended by: two MSP members, 20 non MSP individuals representing member organisations and 22 interested meeting attendees.

Wednesday 04 November 2020, 1:00 – 2:00pm

This meeting was held virtually and included the Annual General Meeting. The discussion focused on:

AGM

Andy Wightman was elected as Convenor, Graham Simpson was elected as Deputy Convenor and CIH Scotland as secretariat.

The impact of Covid-19 on the housing sector

Speakers:

- David Stewart, Scottish Land Commission
- Professor Ken Gibb, Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence

The meeting was attended by: two MSP members, 20 individuals representing member organisations and four interested meeting attendees.

An additional informal meeting was held Wednesday 18 December 2019, 1:00 – 2:00pm

The meeting took place at the Scottish Parliament and the discussion focussed on:

Housing to 2040 report update

Speaker - Steven Tolson, RICS

Affordable Housing Supply

Speaker - Gordon MacRae, Shelter Scotland

The meeting was attended by one MSP member, 15 individuals representing member organisations and nine interested meeting attendees.

An additional informal meeting was held 18 June 2020

The meeting was held virtually and discussion focussed on the initial impact of Covid-19 across different housing tenures.

Speakers:

- Claire Frew, Homeless Network Scotland
- John Blackwood, Scottish Association of Landlords
- Katey Tabner, COSLA
- Sally Thomas, SFHA

The meeting was attended by one MSP member, 19 individuals representing member organisations and eight interested meeting attendees.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group

Andy Wightman, Scottish Green Party
Pauline McNeill, Scottish Labour Party
Alex Cole-Hamilton, Scottish Liberal Democrats
Bob Doris, Scottish National Party
Alex Rowley, Scottish Labour Party
Graham Simpson, Scottish Conservative Party

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members, please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Organisations	CIH Scotland – secretariat Age Scotland Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO) Building Engineering Services Association Capability Scotland Clachan Co-Housing Crisis Customer Focus Scotland Cyrenians Scotland Edinburgh Student Housing Co-op Electrical Safety Council Energy Action Scotland Federation of Master Builders Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living Grampian Housing Association Homeless Action Scotland Homeless Network Scotland
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	Homes for Scotland Horizon Housing Association Housing Options Scotland Joseph Rowntree Foundation Leonard Cheshire Disability LGBT Youth Scotland Living Rent MCS Charitable Foundation National Landlords Association National Trust for Scotland NHS Health Scotland North Star Consulting & Research Pagoda Porter Novelli/McCarthy & Stone PAS Perth and Kinross Council (Cllr Peter Barratt) Positive Prisons Registers of Scotland RIAS RICS Royal Town Planning Institute Rural Housing Scotland Salvation Army Scottish Association of Landlords Scottish Churches Housing Action Scottish Cities Alliance Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) Scottish Land and Estates Scottish Land Commission Scottish Solicitors Property Centre/ESPC Shelter Scotland Tenants Information Service (TIS) Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) The Vivarium Trust Young Art Work
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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and that one of these is Convener – beyond that it is a matter for the group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Andy Wightman MSP
Deputy Convener	Graham Simpson MSP
Secretary	Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Scotland

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

Secretariat support is provided to the group by CIH Scotland. This role involves liaising with the Convenor and staff to agree topics for each meeting, identify and approach speakers; preparing and issuing agendas; acting as a point of contact for members and other interested parties; attending meetings; and drafting minutes. This work is carried out by CIH Scotland's Policy and Practice Manager and Policy and Practice Officer.

The CPG typically holds four meetings per year, each involving:

- Preparation for the meeting (4 x 1 hour)
- Attendance at physical meetings (2 x 2 hours)
- Attendance at virtual meetings (2 x 1 hour)
- Preparing and issuing minutes (4 x 2 hours)

Total for four CPG meetings = 18 hours

CIH Scotland support costs average £450 per day or £64 per hour. During this reporting period, CIH Scotland has provided 20 hours of secretariat support, totalling £1,152.

This assistance is offered in kind.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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